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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, MR, US

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT TO WASHINGTON

REF: (A) STATE 115347, (B) ABIDJAN 4814

1. PERSONALLY DELIVERED LETTER INCORPORATING INFORMATION REFTELS  
TO PRESIDENCY PROTOCOL CHIEF EARLY FIRDAY EVNING. PRESIDENCY  
SECRETARY GENERAL CALLED ME IN NOON SATURDAY, MAY 21, TO  
CONVEY FOLLOWING;

(A) PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH WOULD HAVE VERY MUCH LIKED TO HAVE  
SEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE IN WASHINGTON  
FOLLOWING OTTAWA CILSS MEETING;

(B) UNHAPPILY, PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE FOR PERIOD MAY 29 TO JUNE 4  
-- FROM HIS ARRIVAL IN OTTAWA UNTIL HIS RETURN TO NOUAKCHOTT--  
IS COMPLETELY FILLED, AND HAS BEEN LOCKED IN FOR OVER TWO WEEKS;

(C) APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AGO, IN ABSENCE ANY RESPONSE  
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FROM USG, MAURITANIAN CHIEF OF STATE PROPOSED TWO DAY INFORMAL  
VISIT IN PARIS JUNE 1 AND 2. FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD  
REPLIED IMMEDIATELY IN AFFIRMATIVE.

(C) PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH IS MOST IMPRESSED, GRATIFIED  
AND ENCOURAGED BY ACTIVE ROLE NEW US ADMINISTRATION IS  
PLAYING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. US DECISION TO HAVE VICE

PRESIDENT MONDALE EMBARK ON DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IS SIGNIFICANT NEW DEPARTURE. US IS TO BE APPLAUDED. GIRM IS ALSO VERY MUCH AWARE THAT US ALONE HAS DESIRE AND LEVERAGE TO LEAD PARTIES TO MID-EAST DISPUTE TOWARD EQUITABLE AND WORKABLE SOLUTION. MAURITANIA IS COUNTING ON US TO UTILIZE ITS POSITIONAS PRINCIPLE POLITICAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL TO BRING ABOUT MID-EAST SETTLEMENT;

(D) PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH VERY MUCH HOPES THAT INFORMAL WASHINGTON VISIT CAN BE ARRANGED AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE.

2. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH (ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER, MIN STATE FOR NATIONAL GUIDANCE, PRESIDENCY SECRETARY GENERAL), DEPARTED EVENING MAY 22 FOR TWO DAY MEETING WITH SAUDI ARABIABR KING KHALID.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SAHRE DETAILS OF MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT'S BUSY SCHEDULE WITH INTERESTED POSTS:

-- ARRIVE OTTAWA EVENING MAY 29, PARTICIPATE IN CILSS/ CLUB DES AMIS MEETINGS AND MEET WITH SENIOR CANADIAN OFFICIALS MAY 30 AND 31;

-- ARRIVE PARIS JUNE 1 FOR TWO DAY OFFICIAL VISIT WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT;

-- ARRIVE RABAT MID-DAY JUNE 3 FOR OVERNIGHT VISIT WITH KING HASSAN;  
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-- RETURN TO NOUAKCHOTT JUNE 4, DETAILS OF PROJECTED MEETING WITH MALIANS STILL BEING WORKED OUT;

-- DEPART FOR DAKAR JUNE 7 FOR WORKING VISIT WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR PRIOR TO PROCEEDING TOGETHER TO ABIDJAN MEETING OF WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC GROUPING.  
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